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Deale, March 1.

LAst night arrived at *Dover* the Mail from *Newport*, after having been stopt 24 hours in the French Camp. What was said of the taking of *Ghent*, proves a mistake; for we are assured, that the Burghers make a stout resistance, and that they have formed 14 or 15000 men into Regiments, and setled a good Pay upon them.

Naples, Febr. 8. The Convoy lately arrived with the Mareschal *de la Feuillade* at *Messina*, consisted in 10 Men of War, 4 Firesships, 16 Tenders, and about 20 Tartanes laden with Ammunition and Provisions. Our Viceroy has written Circulary Letters to all the Barons of this Kingdom, requiring each of them to raise a Horseman, and to provide him with Horse and Arms, or else to pay 75 Crowns in lieu thereof; by which means his Excellency purposes to raise 600 Horse, which he designs for *Sicily*.

Genoua, Febr. 23. The *Edgar* arrived here yesterday noon, and this day the *Rainbow*, *Britannia*, and *Charles*, laden with Herrings. The *Constantinople* Merchant, the *Maryland* Merchant, the *William and Thomas*, and the *Success*, are now coming; as likewise the *Crown*, and another Ship from *Bristol*. Sir *John Narborough* with the rest of the Herring Fleet and others, is by past for *Leghorne*.

Vienna, Febr. 20. We are assured that the Duke of *Lorrain* is preparing to return to the Army with all diligence, where his presence seems very necessary, for that the Enemy is already in motion.

Strasburg, Febr. 28. The French Troops which came into *Alsace* from their quarters in the *Franche Comte*, are marched towards *Nancy*, except a small Body which the Sieur *de Monclar* has at present in the Neighborhood of *Brisac*. From *Metz* we have an account by Express, that the King was gone from thence to *Stenay*, and that from thence he would continue his march into *Flanders*.

Cologne, March 4. Our Magistrates have finally resolved to raise the 40000 Crowns demanded by the Emperor, which are to be paid to the Duke of *Neuburg*, who, together with his Dutchess, are going to *Vienna*, to be there at the Lying-in of the Empress their Daughter.

Marseilles, March 1. Three days since arrived at *Thoulon* two French Men of War from *Messina*, one of which brought over the Duke *de Vivonne*, who the next day proceeded on his journy to *Paris*. At *Thoulon* another Convoy is fitting out for *Sicily*.

Stenay, March 2. The 21 past their Majesties arrived at *Metz*, from whence the King went to *Thionville* to view that place, and returned the same day to *Metz*. The 24th the King visited the Fortifications of the City, and of the Cittadel; the 25th their Majesties parted from thence, and went to *Marcheville*; the 26th they lodged at *Verdun*, where the King ordered the Fortifications to be gone on with, with all the diligence possible; the 27th their Majesties arrived here. The first instant their Majesties parted hence, the King taking his way towards *Flanders*, in order to the besieging of *Ghent*.

Amsterdam, March 4. All the news this day in Town is, that the Mareschal *d' Humieres* having on the sudden assembled the French Troops in *Flanders*, was marched with them to *Ghent*, which is brought by the Letters arrived this afternoon from *Antwerp*. Many people are unwilling to give credit thereunto; but according to all circumstances, it is most probable to be true. At the same time the Letters we receive from the *Meuse*, alarm us likewise with the designs of the Enemy on that side; they speak as if the Sieur *de Montal*, Governor of *Charleroy*, had besieged the Castle of *Charlemont*, and that a considerable Body of Men had likewise appeared in the Neighborhood of *Namur*.

Hague, March 8. The account we gave you in our last of the siege of *Ghent*, is most true; the 4th, the French King arrived in the Camp; the next day the Trenches were opened; and on the 6th the Besiegers began to make use of their Cannon. The Besieged we hear have listed about 10000 men, and formed them into Regiments, being resolved to make what defence they can; but the Enemy presses the Siege with so much vigor, that it is feared they will not be able to hold out long. The Prince of *Orange* was according to our last advice at *Malines*; it's said his Highness intends to pass the *Schelde* at *Antwerp*, and so enter into the Country of *Waes*, to cover *Sas Van Ghent*, and the other places belonging to this State on that side. It is written from *Liege*, that the French of *Maestrieht* are going to make an incursion into the Country of *Juliers*.

Brussels, March 1. We are continually alarmed by the advices that are brought hither of the motions of the Enemy, and yet we cannot learn what place they intend first to attack. What appears to us at present, the most probable is, that they will besiege *Charlemont* and *Namur*, their preparations on the *Meuse* being very great, as well at *Maestrieht* as at *Dinant*. Yesterday we heard much shooting, which we judged to be about *Namur* or *Charlemont*. While the Enemy is thus busie on that side, and that Count *Waldeck* is marching with all the Dutch Troops towards *Hasselt*, those of *Osnabrug* commanded by Monsieur *de Louvigny*, being likewise joined with them; their Troops in *Flanders* are likewise drawn together under the command of the Mareschal *d'Humieres*.

Ditto, March 4. At length the French have discovered their design, which it seems is upon *Ghent*; on Tuesday last that City was invested; on Wednesday the Pioneers came in, and began to break ground, to fortifie the several quarters; the next day the Cannon arrived, and they begun to prepare several Batteries. The Duke *de Villa Hermosa* upon the first

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